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SG.SS/hr/Autumn Term
20th September 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are now approaching the end of the second full week of the Autumn term – the first term of your child's time with us at St. Joseph's. We are so pleased to say that, as a year group, they have made a fabulous start, impressing staff with their positivity, commitment and attitude to not only their studies but to how they treat each other too.

This week saw all of our Year 7's attend Alton Castle for their very first retreat at St. Joseph's and, despite the challenges of the weather, their behaviour and enthusiasm was an absolute credit to you and us as a college.

During this first term there are a number of key events in the school calendar and as such, we also wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of these so that you can ensure that as Parents/Guardians, you have these in your diaries.

DATE	TIMING / WHO	EVENT AND DETAILS
THURSDAY, 28th September	7:00pm onwards (parents / guardians only)	Transition to Secondary School Evening A presentation by key members of staff who support KS3, covering a range of areas including pastoral support and progress reports. Importantly, you will also have an opportunity to ask any key questions you might have.
TUESDAY, 10th October	7pm onwards (students and parents/guardians) **	Family Mass of Welcome You are invited to join us for a family mass of welcome which the Year 7s will have spent the day preparing for. After mass, you will have an opportunity to meet not only the Year 7 form tutors but their subject teachers too and of course, fellow parents. <i>Please note that all students are expected to attend</i>
THURSDAY, 26th October	Morning	Dougie Mac Coffee Morning The school, families and local community come together to share refreshments in the school hall whilst raising as much money as possible for the Dougie Mac – further details to follow.
FRIDAY 27th October – MONDAY, 6th November	Half term and Inset Days	HALF TERM

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		Please note that Friday, 27th October and Monday, 6th November are Inset days Students will therefore break up for half term on Thursday, 26 th October and return on Tuesday, 7 th November.
FRIDAY, 1ST December	Full day	School closed to students
TUESDAY, 19th December	7:00pm onwards (students and parents/guardians)	St. Joseph's Annual Carol Service at Victoria Hall A definite date for the diary! Each year we celebrate Christmas with our wonderful Carol Service at the Victoria Hall. Our year 7s are an integral part of the service – and will be on the stage throughout the evening. Please do look out for further details regarding tickets in the second half term. <i>Please note that all students are expected to attend</i>

* Please note that we will continue to use Teams to communicate with the year group but wanted to flag that all students should now be using their 'stjosephsmail' account on Teams (the sjcwebmail account used over the summer has now closed).

We will both be at the Transition to Secondary School Evening but if you have any concerns or questions in the interim, please do let us know by emailing SJCollege@stjosephsmail.com and we will be more than happy to help you.

Yours sincerely,



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